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TAGS: MASS, XX

SUBJECT: MILITARY UTILITY & POLICY VALUE OF MASTER DATA

EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS

REF: STATE 12376

SUMMARY. WE ARE SATISFIED WITH HANDLING OF MASTER AND
FOLLOW-ON DATA EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS. THESE CAUSE US NO

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PROBLEMS FOR US-BELGIAN BILATERAL RELATIONS. WE CANNOT

ADEQUATELY ESTIMATE VALUE OF AGREEMENTS TO USG DUE TO
HIGHLY TECHNICAL SUBJECTS COVERED. END SUMMARY.

1. SPECIFIC COMMENTS KEYED TO PARA 2 REFTEL FOLLOW:

(A) PRESENT STAFFING OF MAAG ADEQUATE FOR THEIR
CURRENT ROLE IN AGREEMENTS WHICH LIMITED TO RELAYING OF
INFORMATION AND PROVIDING FACILITATIVE SERVICES ON
REQUEST.

(B) WE ARE KEPT AWARE BY MAAG OF ALL INFO MADE AVAILABLE
TO MAAG. BELIEVE THIS ADEQUATE UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.
THE EMBASSY HAS NOT ATTEMPTED TO RIDE HERD ON THESE
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CAL TALKS BUT IS AWARE OF NO PROBLEMS.

(C) IN THIS AREA, WE ARE NOT KEPT CURRENT, BUT GIVEN HIGHLY
TECHNICAL MILITARY NATURE OF PROJECTS, QUESTION WHAT ROLE
WE MIGHT USEFULLY PLAY.

(D) WE DO NOT BELIEVE EXISTENCE OF AGREEMENTS HAS LEAD
TO SUCH EXPECTATIONS ON THE PART OF THE BELGIANS. AT LEAST,
NONE HAS BEEN EXPRESSED TO US.

(E) WE ARE AWARE OF A SMALL AMOUNT OF INFORMATION AND
HARDWARE MADE AVAILABLE TO USG AS RESULT OF PROJECT AGREEMENTS,
BUT CANNOT EVALUATE ITS WORTH TO US TECHNICAL AGENCIES.

(F) WE HAVE NO SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS FOR DIFFERENT APPROACHES.
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